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Applicant: **Gregory PLOWMAN, et al.**
Title: **MAMMALIAN PROTEIN PHOSPHATASES**
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts of a Nonprovisional Application dated August 3, 2001, Applicants submit the following Preliminary for examination prior to consideration on the merits. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 124, delete the first full paragraph, and replace this paragraph with the following in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121. A marked up version showing changes is attached:

"cDNA libraries" derived from over 450 tissue or cell line sources were immobilized onto nylon membranes and probed with ³²P-labeled cDNA fragments derived from the gene(s) of interest. To make the cDNA, total RNA or mRNA was used as template in a reverse transcription reaction to generate single-stranded cDNAs (ss cDNA) that were tagged with specific sequences at each end. An oligo dT primer containing a specific sequence (CDS: AAGCAGTGGTAACAACGCAGAGTACT₃₀VN (V=A,G,C N=A,G,C,T)) (SEQ ID